Introduced by Assembly Member Dymally

February 22, 2006

An act relating to family law.

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AB 2288, as introduced, Dymally. Family law court.

Existing law establishes procedures related to the custody, visitation, and support of a minor child.

This bill would enact the Family Law Conflict Reduction Act of 2006, which would declare the Legislature's intent to enact legislation to reduce conflict among parties in family law court.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the 2 Family Law Conflict Reduction Act of 2006.
- 3 SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the following:
- 4 (1) Family law court continues to be a significant source of
 - frustration, conflict, and protracted litigation for the parties as
- 6 well as a heavy burden on the resources and personnel of the 7 courts.
- 8 (2) It is in the best interest of the child and there is a 9 compelling state interest to:
- 10 (A) Encourage mutually agreeable coparenting plans.
- 11 (B) Provide early conflict reduction methods for custody and visitation disputes.

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- 1 (C) Ensure actual enforcement of court orders.
- (D) Develop cost effective approaches for families with middle or low incomes, especially for litigants that cannot afford 2
- counsel.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to reduce conflict among parties in family law court. 5